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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Philippines Mindanao
<b>Region</b>	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
<b>Agreement name</b>	Guidelines for Mutual Understanding between the Coordinating Committees on the Cessation of Hostilities of the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front for Ceasefire -Related Functions During the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections
<b>Date</b>	7 May 2019
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Philippines - Mindanao process
<b>Parties</b>	For the GPH CCCH: BGEN CIRILO THOMAS P DONATO JR AFP Chairman GPH-CCCH  For the MILF BCCH: HON BUTCH P. MALANG Chairman MILF-CCCH
<b>Third parties</b>	Witness and conforme: MGEN DATO' YA COB BIN HJ SAMIRAN Head of Mission, International Monitoring Team - M14
<b>Description</b>	Agreement to safeguard previous agreements and the GPH-MILF peace process in general during the election period of 07 May 2019 to 19 May 2019

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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 5, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines 14. The GPH CCCH and the MILF CCCH jointly shall find ways to provide assistance to the MILF members and families who are temporarily displaced as the guidelines are being implemented. Moreover, the MILF through Its CCCH shall provide necessary data/information on the affected MILF members and families.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	Page 5, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines 14. The GPH CCCH and the MILF CCCH jointly shall find ways to provide assistance to the MILF members and families who are temporarily displaced as the guidelines are being implemented. Moreover, the MILF through Its CCCH shall provide necessary data/information on the affected MILF members and families.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections Page 3, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines  
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Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access Page 3, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines  
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Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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## Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

Land reform/  
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 3, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines  
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Page 4, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines  
7. The strength of the deputized PNP / AFP election security personnel to be deployed in the MILF dominated areas shall be coordinated so as not to create unnecessary alarm and apprehension to the MILF forces and civilian communities that might jeopardize the ceasefire and the peace process.

Page 4, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines  
9. The main routes, water and land usually used by the MILF troops during movements and activities shall be left opened. Provided, however, that MILF movements are properly coordinated earlier with the GPH CCCH and the existing ceasefire mechanisms.

10. The MILF shall refrain from consolidating its forces for any purpose/s including peace gatherings from the time the election paraphernalia are deployed until the Election has been completed except at Camp Darapanan in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao and Camp Bushra in Lanao del Sur.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

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1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines - Moro Islamic Liberation Front Coordinating Committees on the the Cessation of Hostilities (GPH CCCH MILF COCH) in cooperation with the International Monitoring team (IMT) Mindanao 14 shall undertake heightened special ceasefire-related functions in order to safeguard the GPA - MILF Ceasefire and peace process.

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2. This undertaking is purely a GPH - MILF ceasefire and peace process-related function and not Philippine elections-related function. Any activities undertaken during this period is not to be interpreted as MILF's inconsistency to its standing policy not to take part or meddle in whatever capacity in the government electoral processes.

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3. During the stipulated timeframe of the National and Local Elections, the IMT M-14 involvement shall only be to monitor the implementation of the Agreement on Peace between the GPH and the MILF of 22 June 2001 and its Implementing Guidelines on the Security Aspect of 7 August 2001: Implementing Guidelines on the Humanitarian, Rehabilitation and Development Aspects of 7 May 2002 (Tripoli Agreement); Agreement on the Civilian Protection Component (CPC) of the IMT of 27 October 2009; the adherence of the GPH and the MILF to the SOMO and SOMA of 23 July 2009 and 25 July 2009, respectively; The Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) of 15 October 2012; and the Comprehensive Agreement of the Bangsamoro (CAB) of 27 March 2014. This undertaking is to safeguard the GPH-MILF ceasefire and support the ongoing peace process inherent to the IMT mandate.

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Police

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Armed  
forces

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DDR

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Intelligence  
services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
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opposition  
group  
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11. The MILF armed elements should not go near polling centers and precincts, avoid display of firearms and uniforms along routes leading to the areas where electoral activities are ongoing.

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Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory Witness and conforme:  
MGEN DATO' YA COB BIN HJ SAMIRAN  
Head of Mission, International Monitoring Team - M14

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/ force/similar Page 1-2, I References  
8. Instructions from the respective principals of the GPH –CCCH and MILF CCCH anchored on the goodwill and confidence building of the GPH – MILF Peace Process with the participation of the Malaysia-led International Monitoring Team (MT), as appropriate.

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13. In case of any reported untoward incident, the deputized PNP/AFP election security personnel shall take appropriate action in coordination with the GPH CCCH the MILF CCCH, the GPH AHJAG, the MILF AHJAG and the IMT M14 or vice versa as the case maybe.



Enforcement mechanism Page 5, IV Mutual Understanding and Guidelines  
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Related cases No specific mention.

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